

**EXHIBIT A**

**AUCTION 903 CENSUS BLOCK GROUPS IN WHICH PETITIONER SEEKS  
HIGH-COST AND LOW-INCOME ETC DESIGNATION  
WITHIN ITS CAF PHASE II WINING AREA**

<u>Item:</u>	<u>State:</u>	<u>County:</u>	<u>Census Id:</u>	<u>Locations:</u>
TN-081-9501001	TN	Hickman	470819501001	12
TN-081-9501002	TN	Hickman	470819501002	28
TN-081-9502001	TN	Hickman	470819502001	1
TN-081-9503012	TN	Hickman	470819503012	4
TN-081-9504001	TN	Hickman	470819504001	8
TN-081-9504002	TN	Hickman	470819504002	47
TN-081-9505001	TN	Hickman	470819505001	20
TN-083-1201001	TN	Houston	470831201001	2
TN-083-1201002	TN	Houston	470831201002	6
TN-085-1301001	TN	Humphreys	470851301001	23
TN-085-1302001	TN	Humphreys	470851302001	12
TN-085-1303001	TN	Humphreys	470851303001	1
TN-085-1304001	TN	Humphreys	470851304001	3
TN-085-1304002	TN	Humphreys	470851304002	27
TN-101-9701001	TN	Lewis	471019701001	61
TN-101-9701002	TN	Lewis	471019701002	5
TN-101-9702001	TN	Lewis	471019702001	17
TN-101-9702004	TN	Lewis	471019702004	6
TN-101-9702005	TN	Lewis	471019702005	7

**EXHIBIT B**

**AFFIRMATIVE STATEMENT FROM  
THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

# TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION



502 Deaderick Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

December 19, 2018

Mr. Keith Carnahan, President & CEO  
Meriweather Lewis Connect, LLC  
c/o Terri Firestein, CCG Consulting  
1625 Highway 100  
Centerville, TN 37033

**Via Electronic Mail to [tfireccg@myactv.net](mailto:tfireccg@myactv.net)**

RE: Letter Clarifying Agency Jurisdiction over Wireless, Broadband, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Providers

Dear Ms. Firestein:

As you requested, this letter confirms, as required by the Federal Communications Commission, that pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 65-4-101(6)(A)(vi), 65-5-203, and 7-59-307(d), the Tennessee Public Utility Commission does not regulate or otherwise exercise jurisdiction over cellular wireless, internet broadband, or Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers seeking Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) designation.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Cashman-Grans".

Kelly A. Cashman-Grans  
General Counsel

cc: Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director  
David Foster, Director, Utilities Division

**EXHIBIT C**

**AFFIDAVIT OF KEITH CARNAHAN  
PRESIDENT AND CEO  
ML CONNECT, LLC  
MERIWETHER LEWIS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

**AFFIDAVIT OF KEITH CARNAHAN**

STATE OF TENNESSEE

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COUNTY OF HICKMAN

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Keith Carnahan, President and CEO after being duly sworn, states the following:

1. I have personal knowledge of the facts and information set forth in this Affidavit and I am competent to testify to these facts if called as a witness.
2. I am President and CEO of ML Connect, LLC and Meriwether Lewis Electric Cooperative ("MLEC"). Acting on behalf of MLEC and ML Connect, LLC, I have read the Petition to which this Affidavit is attached. I have knowledge of the facts stated in the Petition and those facts are true to the best of my knowledge and my belief.
3. ML Connect, LLC certifies that it is a common carrier under §§ 214(e)(1) and 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended ("Act").
4. ML Connect, LLC commits to provide the services and functionalities required for designation as a high-cost and/or low-income Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") in the winning areas of the Census Block Groups identified in Exhibits A1 and A2 to the Petition.
5. ML Connect, LLC certifies that it will meet the Commission's requirements for designation as an ETC under § 214(e)(6) of the Act.
6. I am the corporate officer responsible for certifying ML Connect, LLC's use of federal high-cost support. Petitioner is eligible to be designated as an ETC within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Act and is eligible to receive universal service support pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act.
7. Petitioner will use the federal high-cost support funds that it receives only to provide, deploy, upgrade and/or maintain facilities and services for which the support is intended.

8. Petitioner certifies that no party to this petition is subject to denial of federal benefits, including Commission benefits, pursuant to § 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.



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Keith Carnahan  
President and CEO  
ML Connect, LLC

County of Hickman  
State of Tennessee

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me  
this 19 day of December 2018, by Keith Carhanan

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My commission expires: 7/31/19